

The Regional Committee,

Having considered the statement of the Representative of the United Kingdom on the need to develop national systems for nutritional surveillance;

Having heard with interest of the steps being taken in certain countries and areas of the Region;

1. NOTES that malnutrition persists, even when national economic indicators improve;

2. URGES Member States to develop simple nutritional surveillance systems which will provide data on deprived groups in order to facilitate medium and long-term planning and to predict deterioration in nutritional status so that rapid preventive action can be taken;
  
3. REQUESTS the Regional Director to assist Member States in developing and validating surveillance systems suited to the resources of individual countries and based on minimal data.

Fifth meeting, 10 September 1976